Shanghai Travel Guide

A practical base in Jiading

Explore Shanghai through four neighborhood-based day trips, with Sheraton Shanghai Jiading Hotel (上海嘉定喜来登酒店) as the starting and finishing point.

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Choose your day

Route	Focus	Suggested pace
1	People's Square, Nanjing Road and the Bund	Balanced full day, evening return
2	Wukang Road and Anfu Road	Relaxed walking day
3	Lujiazui and the Oriental Pearl exterior	Flexible skyline day
4	Yu Garden area, Sinan Mansions and Xintiandi	Conditional full day; confirm garden admission

Choose individual day trips to suit the length of the stay, interests and walking preferences. Each route groups nearby stops and allows time for meals and rest.

Read the timing correctly

All visit durations and walking allowances are editorial planning estimates, not official operating information. Departure times are suggestions. Hotel-to-city travel times are left blank where no hotel-specific journey has been verified. Choose the actual departure using a same-day navigation estimate, then add time for waiting, station access and transfers.

The outdoor-focused plans can work without committing to paid attraction interiors. Check weather, temporary access controls and the journey home before departure.

Staying in Jiading: transport choices

Hotel destination card

Item	Detail
Hotel	Sheraton Shanghai Jiading Hotel / 上海嘉定喜来登酒店
Street address	
Confirmed nearest metro station and hotel access route	
Confirmed hotel bus stop and route number	

Before departure, save the hotel's Chinese name and reception-confirmed map pin for the return journey.

Allow for the journey between Jiading and central Shanghai when choosing a departure time. Check live traffic or a complete public-transport itinerary before leaving, and include the return journey in the day's plans.

Metro, bus or car?

Mode	Best use	Practical limitation
Metro	Longer journeys when the mapped route has manageable station access and transfers	Hotel-to-station connection, platform walking and the last connecting train need checking
Public bus	Local hotel-to-metro connections or short trips when a direct service is shown	Stop direction, route number, waiting time and evening service must be confirmed
Taxi / ride-hailing	Door-to-door travel, tired travelers and late returns	Congestion and waiting affect both time and cost; request a live quote
Self-drive	Visitors who already have valid local driving authorization and a suitable vehicle	Parking, plate restrictions and traffic can outweigh convenience downtown

Recommended approach: compare a hotel-arranged car with a metro journey including the first and last connections. Use a local bus as the connection only after reception or a live route planner confirms the stop and direction. Do not assume there is a direct bus from the hotel to the Bund.

For self-driving, enter the actual vehicle plate information in navigation, check the applicable restrictions and choose legal parking near the first stop. Park once and walk within a neighborhood. Restrictions depend on the vehicle, road and time of travel.

Using public transport and booking a car

Metro: a practical sequence

1. Ask reception to identify the best station for the day's destination, including the hotel-to-station connection.

2. Enter the destination in a current journey planner. Check line numbers, interchange stations and direction; retain a screenshot of the result.

3. Buy a single-journey ticket at a machine or staffed service center, or use a supported transit payment method. Keep the same card or device for entry and exit.

4. Check the return trip before leaving the hotel. The important cutoff is the last train that completes every connection, not simply the last departure from the first station.

The official metro guide, updated 29 June 2026, describes single tickets, transit cards, QR payments and eligible contactless bank cards. It also describes international-card purchases at station service centers. Card eligibility and account activation still matter; carry a backup payment method. Check the current fare in the journey planner or at the station before purchasing a ticket.

Public bus: useful as a connection

Use the Chinese hotel name and the exact destination to request a bus journey in a navigation app or through reception. Confirm **boarding stop, side of the road, route number, alighting stop, last service and payment method**. Inspect the destination display before boarding; the stop opposite may serve the other direction.

The official bus guide, updated 12 September 2025, describes physical transport cards, the Shanghai Public Transportation QR Code and supported NFC transit cards. Activate and test an app before relying on it. This does not mean that any foreign bank card can be tapped on every bus reader.

Hotel connection to confirm	Route	Boarding stop	Alighting stop	Fare / duration
Hotel to suitable metro station				
Suitable metro station to hotel				

Taxi and ride-hailing

The official taxi guide lists Didi, Xiangdao and Gaode as booking options, and Qiangsheng's English-language booking hotline **62580**. It states that taxis accept RMB cash and the Shanghai Public Transportation Card; foreign bank-card acceptance is available in a subset of vehicles, not universally.

Ask reception to arrange the first trip if app setup is difficult. Match the vehicle and plate to the booking, confirm the pickup point and save the receipt. Use a legal pickup location away from congested intersections. For a night return from the riverfront, arrange a clear pickup point before you finish dinner.

Route 1: People's Square to the Bund

Pace: balanced full day. **Suggested hotel departure:** 09:00, adjusted using live navigation. **First destination:** People's Square (人民广场). **Return:** from the Bund area after dinner.

This day follows the city center toward the river, avoiding an unnecessary crossing into Pudong. Hotel arrival time is intentionally not fixed.

Sequence	Stop or movement	Planning allowance
1	Hotel to People's Square by selected transport	
2	People's Square orientation walk	45-60 min
3	Walk toward the western end of Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street	15-25 min
4	Lunch and a seated break	60 min
5	Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street toward the river	75-105 min including browsing
6	Walk from the eastern end to the Bund promenade	10-20 min including crossings
7	Bund architecture and skyline views	60-90 min
8	Dinner nearby, then return to hotel	60-90 min plus return travel

Suggested sightseeing finish: around 19:00-20:00 if your city arrival allows an unhurried day. If the outbound trip runs late, shorten shopping rather than rushing dinner or the return connection.

What to notice

People's Square: an orientation point for the civic and cultural center. The official account describes its transformation from a racecourse and identifies surrounding museums and theaters. A museum interior is an optional replacement for shopping, not an extra stop squeezed into the schedule. Official overview

Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street (南京路步行街): compare traditional department stores, large retail buildings and the changing street atmosphere as you approach the river. The official page lists the street as open 24/7; this does not apply to individual shops or override temporary crowd controls. Official street information

The Bund (外滩): the official guide describes a 1.5 km historic waterfront lined with former financial and trading buildings. Look toward both banks: historic facades on the west, the contrasting Pudong skyline across the river. Do not assume a fixed nightly lighting schedule. Official Bund guide

Optional extension: replace part of the shopping time with Waibaidu Bridge (外白渡桥) and the Shanghai Postal Museum (上海邮政博物馆). Check museum opening and admission arrangements before including an interior visit.

Transport and return

Metro: have reception map the hotel-to-People's Square journey and the return from your actual Bund endpoint. Bus: use a verified local feeder connection; no hotel-to-center bus number is confirmed here. Car: request a drop-off near People's Square and a separate Bund pickup. A one-way walk is less convenient with a parked private car; use local transport back to the parking location. A booked car is the simplest late-return option when the metro connection is uncertain.

Route 2: Wukang Road and Anfu Road

Pace: relaxed, with frequent stops. **Suggested hotel departure:** 09:00. **First destination:** Wukang Mansion (武康大楼), viewed from public space. **Suggested district departure:** 16:00-17:00, or earlier if tired.

Sequence	Stop or movement	Planning allowance
1	Hotel to Wukang Mansion area	
2	Exterior photography and neighborhood orientation	20-30 min
3	Walk along Wukang Road, with architectural stops	90-120 min
4	Lunch and cafe rest	60-75 min
5	Continue toward Anfu Road, then browse at leisure	75-105 min including local walking
6	Return to hotel	

What to notice

Wukang Road (武康路): a street of villas, apartment buildings and lane housing. The official guide identifies the former residence of writer Ba Jin at No. 113, Ferguson Lane at No. 376, and the tourist information center at No. 393. Look for roof shapes, brickwork, geometric details and the contrast between individual buildings. These addresses are viewing points, not a promise of interior access. Official architecture guide

Wukang Mansion: allow time for exterior viewing. Do not enter residential corridors for photographs or stand in the road to frame the building.

Anfu Road (安福路): a browsing and cafe stop. Check individual opening hours if planning around a particular business.

The broader historic concession-era setting is best appreciated on foot. The building guide supports individual architectural details; a street walk should not assume that all buildings are open museums.

Transport and return

Metro: compare the mapped last walk with a short car connection; the best stop depends on which end of the walk you choose. Bus: a direct local service can be useful if it reduces the last walk, but confirm both stops and direction. Car: use legal drop-off and pickup points outside crowded photo locations. Self-drive: park once, then allow for returning to the vehicle.

Keep the day comfortable

Use cafes for seated breaks and ask before photographing interiors. Sidewalk bottlenecks can make this less accessible than it looks on a map. Travelers who need step-free access should confirm station lifts and building entrances before departure.

Optional substitution: for an architecture or religious-history visit, replace Anfu Road with Xujiahui Cathedral (徐家汇天主堂), after confirming visitor access, worship arrangements and onward transport. Do not assume it is a casual walk around the corner.

Route 3: Lujiazui and the river

Pace: flexible skyline day. **Suggested hotel departure:** 10:00. **First destination:** Oriental Pearl Tower (东方明珠), No. 1 Century Avenue, Pudong / 浦东新区世纪大道1号. **Primary plan:** exterior views, riverfront time and lunch; paid entry is optional.

Sequence	Stop or movement	Planning allowance
1	Hotel to Oriental Pearl / Lujiazui area	
2	Exterior skyline orientation and photographs	45-60 min
3	Lunch and rest	60-75 min
4	Walk toward the accessible riverside, using navigation	20-40 min depending on access point
5	Riverside views and cafe stop	60-90 min
6	Early dinner or return to hotel	60 min plus return travel

For a paid tower visit, replace part of the outdoor program and allow **2-3 hours as a planning buffer**, including possible ticket and lift queues. Do not purchase until you know the included observation levels and the visibility forecast.

What to notice

The official guide places the Oriental Pearl in the Lujiazui financial district on the Huangpu River and records its height as 468 m. From riverside public space, the change in perspective makes the Bund's architecture easier to appreciate as a continuous waterfront. Official tower introduction and address

Paid tower information	Confirmed detail
Opening hours	
Ticket package and price	
Reservation / passport procedure	

Ferry versus sightseeing cruise

A public ferry is a transport crossing; a sightseeing cruise is a separate paid experience. The official boat guide, published 10 September 2025, lists a pedestrian ferry fare of **RMB 2**. Recheck the current service before travel.

That guide lists **Dongjin Line (**东金线**)** between Dongchang Road and East Jinling Road as a **daytime** service. It lists Dongchang Road departures through 18:15 and East Jinling Road through 18:30; these are the source's published times, not a same-day guarantee. Do not rely on this crossing for a late-night return. The official Shanghai Ferry WeChat account, 上海轮渡, publishes updates through 云上航线.

Recommended: keep the day on the Pudong side and return by the planned car or metro journey. If taking a ferry, first navigate to the correct pier, confirm its destination and timetable, then plan onward transport from the other bank. Allow additional time for the pier walk and queue. Do not add a river crossing simply because both banks look close on the map.

Transport and return

Metro: request a current hotel-to-Lujiazui journey including the station-to-destination walk. Bus: treat this as a possible local connection, not a verified direct cross-city route. Car: allow for river-crossing traffic and a legal pickup point. Self-drive: check parking before departure; returning to the original car park makes a one-way ferry crossing inconvenient.

Route 4: Old-city scenery and neighborhood stops

Pace: balanced if the garden visit is available. **Suggested hotel departure:** 08:30. **First destination:** Yu Garden area (豫园). **Suggested district departure:** 18:00-19:00.

Yu Garden (豫园), the surrounding shopping lanes and City God Temple (城隍庙) are separate destinations. Do not treat a stroll through the commercial area as admission to the garden or the temple. Confirm garden admission and opening hours before planning an interior visit.

Sequence	Stop or movement	Planning allowance
1	Hotel to Yu Garden area	
2	Garden interior, only if admission is confirmed	90-120 min
3	Surrounding lanes and lunch	75-90 min
4	Transfer toward Sinan Mansions	
5	Sinan Mansions area and rest	60-90 min
6	Continue toward Xintiandi using navigation	20-35 min walking allowance; check exact endpoints
7	Xintiandi browsing and early dinner	90-120 min
8	Return to hotel	

How to use this route

Yu Garden / City God Temple area: begin with an old-city-focused morning. If admission cannot be confirmed, use an exterior neighborhood walk or choose Route 1 instead. Do not travel expecting an unverified ticket to be available.

Sinan Mansions (思南公馆): an architectural neighborhood stop. Check individual venues for interior access and events.

Xintiandi (新天地): finish with a walk, dinner and a rest. Choose a restaurant with a clear menu and prices rather than assuming that every venue offers the same style of Shanghai food.

Optional history stop: the Memorial of the First CPC National Congress (中共一大会址 / 纪念馆). The official account gives **76 Xingye Road** for the historic site and explains its role in the July 1921 founding congress. This is a historic-site address, not confirmation of the current exhibition entrance or reservation procedure. Replace other browsing time if visiting. Official historical overview

Transport and return

Metro: plan to the Yu Garden area, then separately plan the final return from Xintiandi. Bus: use a verified short local connection if it offers a useful boarding point; allow for traffic and waiting. Car: use separate drop-off and pickup points. Self-drive: this multi-neighborhood route requires returning to the parked vehicle or moving it; metro plus taxis may be easier.

Tianzifang (田子坊) is an alternative to Sinan Mansions, not an automatic additional stop. Keeping all the suggested neighborhoods would make the day more tiring and reduce time for meals.

Optional places and alternative outings

Use these places as substitutions or separate outings, allowing time for transport between neighborhoods. Check opening hours, tickets and reservations before departure.

Place	Suggested role	Hours / ticket / reservation
Jing'an Temple / 静安寺	Separate temple-focused visit, or replacement for part of Route 2	
Huaihai Middle Road / 淮海中路	Shopping alternative within a central-city day	
Shanghai Postal Museum / 上海邮政博物馆	Optional northern Bund extension	
Waibaidu Bridge / 外白渡桥	Optional exterior extension to Route 1	
Tianzifang / 田子坊	Substitute for Sinan Mansions in Route 4	
Xujiahui Cathedral / 徐家汇天主堂	Optional architecture and religious-history visit	
Former Expo area / 上海世博园	Separate, venue-specific outing; exact destination needed	

The label “Shanghai Expo Park” is too broad to serve as a reliable taxi or walking destination. Select a specific park, museum or pavilion before planning it. Similarly, “Huaihai Middle Road” is a street, so set a particular meeting or shopping point.

A closer-to-hotel alternative

For a day when the downtown commute is unattractive, ask the hotel about a short Jiading outing. Jiading Confucius Temple (嘉定孔庙) and the Zhouqiao area (州桥) are possible local outings. Ask reception to confirm access, opening hours and travel arrangements before setting out.

Food and rest

Choose meals near the day's existing stops instead of crossing the city for an unverified restaurant recommendation. Allow about an hour for lunch and a seated break in the afternoon. Check the displayed menu, portion sizes and whether the quoted price is per person or per dish. For allergies, use a written Chinese explanation and ask staff to confirm ingredients; a translated dish name alone is not sufficient.

Weather and accessibility

Check the daily forecast before a riverfront or walking day. Wind and rain can make the waterfront uncomfortable; poor visibility reduces the value of a paid observation deck. In wet weather, replace outdoor time with a museum or indoor venue only after confirming its opening and entry rules. Step-free routes, accessible toilets and lift availability have not been verified for these itineraries.

Practical information and sources

Before leaving the hotel

- Save the hotel's Chinese name and confirmed map pin offline. Ask reception to check both the outward and return journey.

- Set up payment and test it with a small purchase or transit journey. The official transport guides describe supported cards and apps; availability still depends on the card, device and account.

- Keep a payment backup. Do not assume every taxi, bus reader or attraction accepts the same bank card.

- Use a navigation service that works on your phone in mainland China. Test the chosen app and save the destination names before leaving. Ask reception to help with Chinese destination searches if necessary.

- Test mobile data, translation and essential apps on arrival. Do not assume hotel Wi-Fi provides access to every overseas service.

- For reserved admission, verify the accepted document type and enter your name exactly as required. Carry the document used for a booking; this guide does not claim that every outdoor attraction requires a passport.

- Immigration eligibility depends on your nationality and circumstances. No visa or transit eligibility determination is made in this guide.

Useful phrases

English	Chinese to show
Please take me to Sheraton Shanghai Jiading Hotel.	请带我去上海嘉定喜来登酒店。
Please confirm the address.	请确认一下地址。
Which bus and which direction should I take?	我应该坐哪路公交车，往哪个方向？
Where should I get off?	我应该在哪一站下车？
Can I pay by card?	可以刷卡吗？
Please give me a receipt.	请给我发票。
Does this require a reservation?	这里需要预约吗？

Sources and further reading

Sources last checked: **22 October 2026**. Consult the linked official pages for further information and check current visitor notices before departure.

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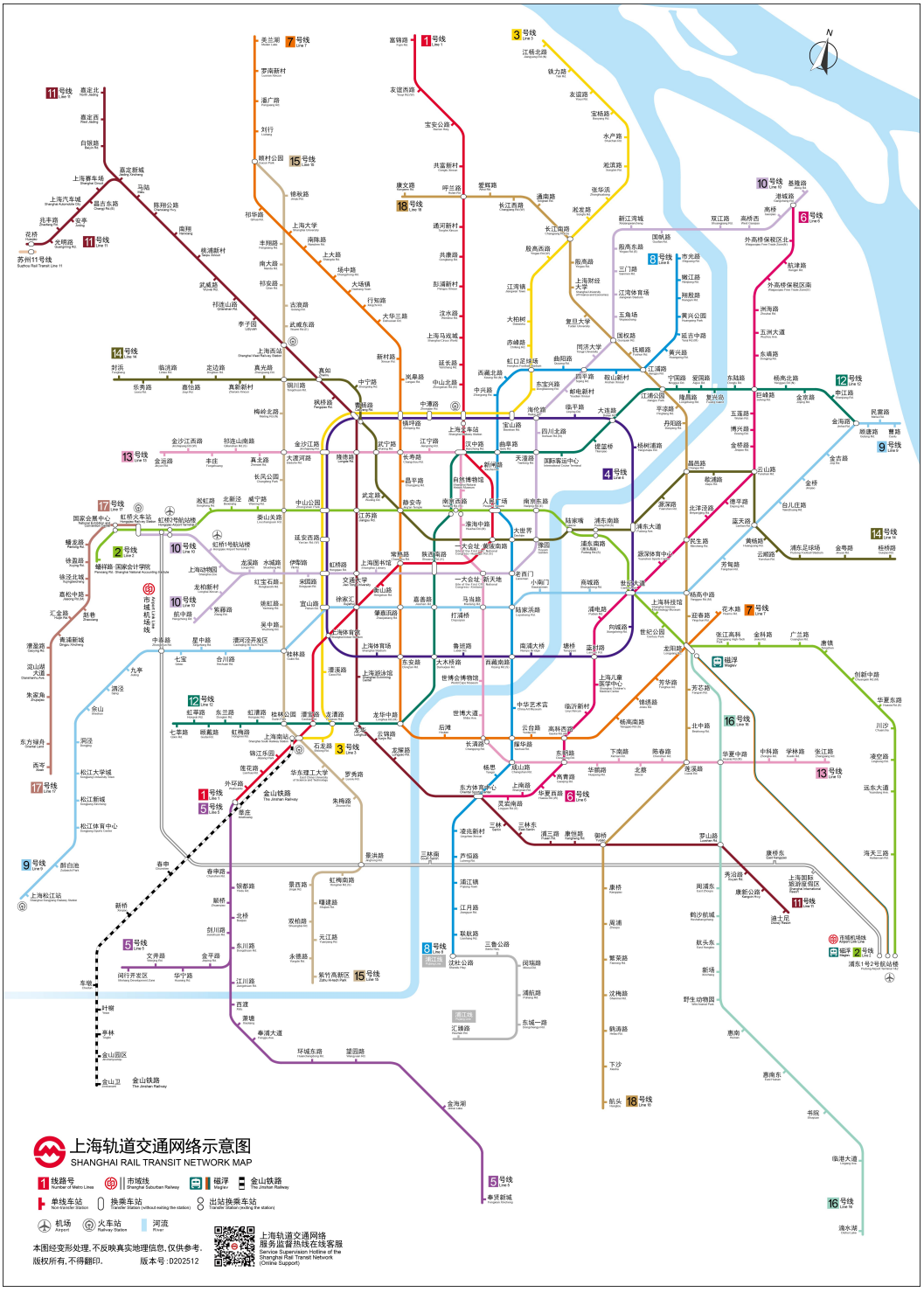
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Shanghai Metro: network overview



Shanghai Metro network diagram, accessed 22 October 2026. Use it to understand the network, then plan the full journey from the hotel, including station access. Zoom in or open the full-resolution linked image for station labels. Check service notices before departure.

Image source / full-resolution reference

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The Bund: visual orientation



The historic waterfront on the Puxi side of the Huangpu River. Photo credit: VCG, as credited by the Shanghai government source page. Reference for Route 1.

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Wukang Road: neighborhood from above



A bird's-eye view helps show the neighborhood setting. Photo credit: VCG, as credited by the Shanghai government source page. Reference for Route 2; this photograph is not a walking map.

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Lujiazui: Oriental Pearl Tower



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Yu Garden: aerial overview



Visual reference for the old-city visit in Route 4. Image from the Shanghai government scenic-spots index. Check garden admission arrangements before departure.

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